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*Chamaelirium luteum*

[Synonyms : *Abalon albiflorum*, *Abalon albiflorum* var. *obovatum*, *Abalon albiflorum* var. *pumilum*, *Abalon albiflorum* var. *serpentarium*, *Abalon albiflorum* var. *spicatum*, *Abalon albiflorum* var. *sylvaticum*, *Chamaelirium carolinianum*, *Chamaelirium obovale*, *Chionographis lutea*, *Diclinotrys albiflorum*, *Helonias dioica*, *Helonias lutea*, *Helonias pumila*, *Melanthium dioicum*, *Melanthium luteum*, *Ophiostachys virginica*, *Siraitos luteus*, *Veratrum flavum*, *Veratrum luteum*]

**FALSE UNICORN ROOT** is a perennial. Native to eastern North America (particularly Mississippi), it has small fragrant, greenish-white flowers.

It is also known as Angel's wand, Blazing star, Colicwort, Devil's bit, Drooping starwort, Fairy wand, Grubroot, Helonias, Helonias root, Rattlesnake root, Squirrel tail, Starwort, True unicorn root, Unicorn root, Wand lily, and Wild lily-of-the-valley.

The flowers on male plants appear creamier because of their yellow stamens.

Warning – false unicorn root should only be used under the supervision of a qualified practitioner. It should be avoided during pregnancy.

*Luteum* means 'deep yellow'.

Medicinally, although some authorities appear to have doubted its value the dried root has been recommended by herbalists for the treatment of both infertility and impotence, as well as various female disorders, and liver and kidney diseases. Today it can be chosen particularly for treating some female ailments.